What “Counts” as Service?

While we encourage you to feel welcome to sign up for Needs posted in iServe by our campus and community partners, we also understand that faculty and staff are often engaged in and complete service activities in addition to our students at WVU.

Here are some examples:

- Serving on the board of a non-profit.
- Volunteering with a local school – such as doing read aloud or working with their PTA or sports programs.
- Coaching, assisting with youth-league sports
- Giving your time at faith-based organizations in the community.
- Serving on state, local or national boards not associated with your work at WVU.

Here are some general policies to remember:

- The volunteer may not be paid or compensated in any way for the duration of the placement
- The opportunity must be supervised and provided in a safe environment that promotes learning at all times for the volunteer. Volunteers may not be directly supervised by family members.
- Typically, activities with for-profit business organizations are not appropriate. The opportunity may include, but is not limited to, participation with non-profit, governmental, public, faith-based, campus, or community-based organizations designed with any or all of the following purposes:
- Improving the quality of life for community residents; meeting the needs of community residents; or fostering civic responsibility.
- The Center for Service and Learning and iServe cannot accept opportunities from private families/individuals. This includes, but is not limited to, tutors, personal care assistants, nannies, and pet care. This is a precaution not only for the safety of our students, but also for the community members we serve.

If you’re unsure, feel free to contact us at the CSL at iserve@mail.wvu.edu or 304.293.8761.